MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not a case of habitual dissemination of false report.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was it not a false report?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, it was false at the time.

Revised Ryots' Roads Rules.

125. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the draft of the revised rules for ryots' roads were received by the Government from the Chief Engineer;

(*b*) why no orders have yet been passed thereon;

(*c*) how far the draft has been modified by the suggestions of non-official gentlemen on the subject; and

(*d*) whether an opportunity will be given to this Council to express its views on the draft rules before the Government finally adopt the rules?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In September 1926.

(*b*) and (*c*) They are under scrutiny.

(*d*) The draft rules will be published in the *Gazette* for public criticism before they are finally passed.

Report of the Navigation Special Officer.

126. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the report of the Navigation Special Officer was submitted to them;

(*b*) the action taken on it; and

(*c*) whether any practical measure will be taken in hand in 1103 in respect of the Pamba and Manimala rivers as a result of the recommendations of the officer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In July 1926.

(*b*) Copies are being printed with a view to circulate the proposals in the report for the opinion of the Revenue and other departments.

(*c*) It is not possible to make any statement on the point now.

The Village Panchayat Regulation.

127. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) when the Village Panchayat Bill was passed by the Council;

(2) why it has not yet been brought into operation in any part of Travancore; and

(3) whether the Government have changed their opinion about the desirability of bringing the Regulation into operation?

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